

“ITI –
in support
of excellence.”

“...to promote and disseminate knowledge on all aspects of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration through research, development and education to the benefit of the patient.”

Worldwide

Since its inception in 1980, the ITI has grown from a regional to a truly global organization.

Worldwide	
(end 2007)	
Countries represented:	83
Continents represented:	5
Number of national Sections:	22

Fellows & Members

In 2007, the ITI welcomed 68 new Fellows and grew by 1,871 Members.

Fellows & Members	
(end 2007)	
Fellows:	534
Members:	4,631
Total:	5,165

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Expenditure

The ITI's commitment to education, development and research to the benefit of the patient is reflected by an ever broader range of activities and an ever greater investment each year.

Expenditure	
(ITI Foundation and ITI Association)	(in CHF 1,000)
2005:	9,494
2006:	11,923
2007:	14,920

Furthering the interests of implant dentistry.

The ITI was founded in 1980 as a non-profit organization by a group of 12 experts who believed that progress in the field of implant dentistry would be best served by collaboration between a multi-disciplinary team of clinicians and researchers.

From a small local club, the ITI has grown into a dynamic, global network.

The organization strongly supports the premise of well-documented treatment guidelines backed by extensive clinical testing and the compilation of long-term results.

Since its earliest days, the ITI – International Team for Implantology – has forged a path in the field of implant dentistry and has always taken excellence as its ongoing benchmark.

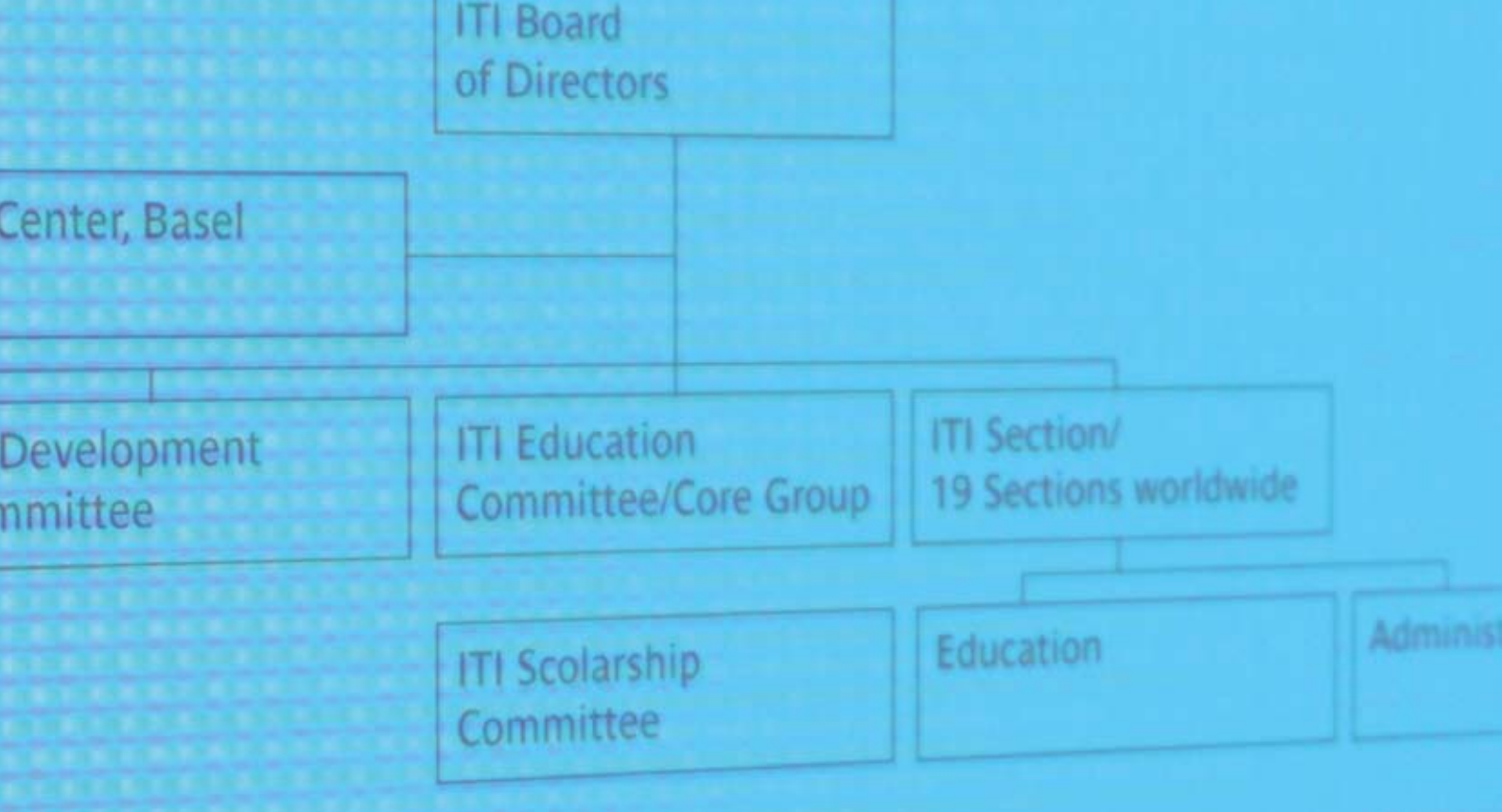
Anchored in a foundation based on scientific evidence, the ITI's mission is to "promote and disseminate knowledge on all aspects of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration through research, development and education to the benefit of the patient."

The ITI's deliberately interdisciplinary approach has its roots in the past when a small group of visionary clinicians and researchers met regularly to discuss and implement ideas on how to develop and improve on existing implant dentistry products and treatment approaches. In 1980, these 12 men formed the ITI and in the intervening 27 years, the group's focus has moved away from the implant itself to treatment planning and methodology. At the same time, the ITI has expanded from a small group centered around southern Germany and Switzerland to one made up of Fellows and

Members in 83 countries, 22 of which have organized themselves into country Sections.

These country Sections are often so well developed that they have a full educational agenda and hold regional meetings, study groups, biennial congresses, as well as educational workshops and courses. The broad range of these national and regional as well as international events such as the ITI World Symposium held in New York in 2007 allows for extensive networking on the part of Members and Fellows and are responsible for bringing together individuals with shared interests to their mutual benefit.

The ITI is organized around the areas of research, development and education with committees and sub-committees that deal with emerging and ongoing



questions. These committees meet several times a year, as does the ITI Board of Directors that is responsible for the organization's long-term strategic direction. Each committee member offers his time, energy and skills unstintingly to spread the ITI's philosophy and further its goals.

Education plays a central role for the organization and it offers workshops and courses to its membership as well as training Speakers to represent the ITI's views further afield. The introduction of regional study groups has also proven to be an excellent way of sharing knowledge through case study presentations. For younger clinicians, the ITI annually offers an international opportunity for around 20 professionals under 35 to work under and learn from an ITI mentor in one of the ITI's 17 Scholarship Centers around the world.

Today more than ever, with the wealth of products, treatment tools and approaches available, the ITI looks to well documented treatment guidelines backed by extensive clinical testing and long-term results. The ITI's Consensus Conferences are instrumental in distilling information to decide whether

enough evidence exists to formulate guidelines to treatment. These guidelines are then summarized in the form of a Consensus paper that is published in a peer-reviewed journal. Other publications include the Treatment Guide series that published its second volume at the end of 2007 and is being translated by selected Sections into various languages, including Japanese, Korean, Italian and German, to reach a broader audience.

In 2007, the ITI grew considerably, from 474 to 534 Fellows and 2,760 to an impressive 4,631 Members.

ITI Fellows

Fellows represent the ITI's inner core of membership and entry is by nomination only. An ongoing and high degree of commitment in at least two of the fields of leadership, research, development or education is necessary to achieve and maintain Fellowship status. Fellows may also serve on the ITI's committees or Board of Directors or take on functions in an ITI Section.

ITI Members

The ITI welcomes dentists, dental technicians and hygienists, physicians and scientists with an interest in implant dentistry as Members of the organization. Members benefit from the opportunity to meet like-minded professionals through national and international events and have direct access to information on the latest developments in the field.

More information about the ITI:

<http://www.iti.org>

Meeting the challenges of the future and ensuring the ITI's leading position in the field.

2007 was yet another challenging and busy, but nevertheless successful and satisfying year for the ITI. The crowning event of the year was undoubtedly the ITI World Symposium that took place in New York City. It was gratifying to see how many Fellows and Members made the often very long journey to meet colleagues and friends and take part in discussions on the latest developments and trends in implant dentistry. We welcomed more than 3,000 participants from 69 countries – a new record in the long history of ITI World Symposia, an event that surely sets the standard for the whole field of implant dentistry. It is justly appreciated not only for its excellent academic content but also for its social events. The next ITI World Symposium is taking place in 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Annual General Meeting

The 2007 annual general meeting (AGM) also took place in New York and was the occasion for a handover of responsibilities within the ITI's committees and the Board of Directors. The ITI Articles state that Board and Committee members are elected for a period of four years with a possible extension for a further four years. As this is the first time we

have enacted this clause of the Articles, we made a deliberate point of retaining a number of the existing members in order to ensure continuity for the coming period. At the same time, this changeover provides an opportunity for younger ITI Fellows to make their contribution to the organization.

On the Board of Directors, Kanichi Seto did not stand for re-election, while Pedro Bullòn was re-elected for another term. Kanichi Seto's place on the Board was filled by another representative of Asia, Hideaki Katsuyama. Changes in the Committees also resulted in a number of changes on the Board of Directors. Chairman of the Development Committee Chris ten Bruggenkate – who is a long-standing and very active contributor to the ITI – was replaced by Gerhard Wahl. Having offered his services to the Research Committee for many years as Chairman, David Cochran decided to step down, but remains as a member of the committee and was replaced by Thomas Taylor. I would like to thank all departing Board members for their time and dedication to the work of the ITI over the last four years. During the meeting, the General Assembly also approved Daniel Buser as Presi-

dent-elect. His former role as Chairman of the Education Committee has been taken over by Stephen Chen.

Internal changes

Not only the Committees are in need of an occasional change, the ITI as a fast growing organization also benefits from periodic reflection on our goals so we can take a proactive stance to meet the challenges of the future. In June 2007, the Board of Directors together with an additional representative from each Committee met for a series of strategic meetings. The aim was to analyze where we stand at the moment, discuss potential options and then develop a strategic direction for the coming decade to ensure the ITI's leading position in the field. The result of these meetings was a detailed concept that led to changes to the ITI Articles which are being presented for approval to the General Assembly at the 2008 AGM. Another aspect of making the ITI fit for the future is our unique relationship with our industrial partner Straumann. We have renegotiated the agreement between both partners to our mutual benefit. The new agreement strengthens the independence of the ITI and also defines more clearly the respective roles of both partners. This agreement represents the next step in this highly successful, long-term partnership between an academic institution and a commercial enterprise.

Fellowship review

2007 also saw the successful execution of the first Fellowship Review. As stated in the ITI Articles, Fellowship is a privilege that is granted for a period of four years. Ongoing excellence in at least two of the areas of leadership, education, research or development must be documented every four years. The majority of Fellows were conscientious about

providing the necessary information in order to retain their Fellow status. This process will be repeated automatically for every Fellow every four years from now on.

New Sections

Once again, we were able to establish a number of new Sections and I am proud to welcome Belgium, South Africa, and Taiwan to the growing ITI family of Sections.

Among the many positive changes and developments in 2007 we also experienced the very sad loss of a close colleague and founding member of the ITI. Gisbert Krekeler, an Honorary Fellow of the ITI, was taken from us very suddenly at the age of 66 in November 2007. The ITI and the world of implant dentistry have lost a gifted scientist, superb teacher and charismatic speaker. It is with gratitude that we will cherish the memory of this exceptional man.

Outlook

2007 was a year of reflection in order to define the measures necessary to ensure the ITI's continuing growth and development in an ever-changing environment. These measures represent a solid foundation for our future and it is the task of all ITI Fellows and Members to turn them into reality. I am confident that this way is the right way and that the ITI can look forward to an exciting future.



Dieter Weingart
ITI President

ITI Board of Directors

President:

Weingart Dieter, Germany

President-elect:

Buser Daniel, Switzerland

Bullón Pedro, Spain

Chen Stephen, Australia

Dickinson Anthony, Australia

Katsuyama Hideaki, Japan

Taylor Thomas, USA

Wahl Gerhard, Germany

Achermann Gilbert, Switzerland

Straumann Thomas, Switzerland



Professor Dr. Dr. Dieter Weingart, former Chairman of the German Section, has been an ITI Fellow since 1989. He was nominated ITI President-elect in 2003. In 2005, he was elected President of the ITI. His term of office continues until 2009.

The ITI – one of the most consistent and largest non-governmental funding institutions in implant dentistry worldwide.

Thomas D. Taylor, Chairman of the ITI Research Committee

Committee changes

In 2007, the Research Committee underwent a number of changes in its composition. Ernst Hunziker, Jan Lindhe, Friedrich Neukam and Wilfried Wagner did not stand for re-election to the Committee. Their contribution in the form of their various talents and expertise combined with a strong commitment and much hard work is highly valued and appreciated. At the same time, due to other commitments, David Cochran decided to step down as Chairman, but agreed to stay on as a member. The Committee is glad it can continue to benefit from his many years of experience and insight.

Proven system of evaluation

The new team seamlessly took over the task of evaluating research projects for funding. When evaluating projects, the Committee follows a strict procedure of evaluation according to four main criteria: 1. relevance of hypothesis, 2. experience and research environment, 3. methodology, 4. budget.

By the time the Committee meets, first evaluations have been carried out and the aim of the meeting is to discuss the projects and their evaluations individually. These tend to be classified in three groups according to suitability. One group contains the projects that are not considered acceptable for funding. There are many reasons for this decision, among them are research objectives that do not coincide with those of the ITI. In the same way, the group of projects that were awarded the highest set of rankings do not normally require much discussion. Nevertheless, if they demand too large a budget or focus on an area that is marginal to the main interests of implant dentistry, they may be rejected or sent back for revision. The middle group, however, contains projects that,

depending on the funding available, are worthy of consideration for an award. These projects are discussed in detail in order to select the best. This system of evaluation has proved itself over the years and the Committee's results are normally very consistent.

2007 funding activities

In 2007, a total of 23 out of 54 received applications were selected for funding to a total of CHF 2.5 million. The Committee is limited in its selection not only by the appropriateness of projects for funding, but also by the budget at its disposal. In 2007, the Research Committee had CHF 2.5 million to disburse – CHF 0.5 million less than in the previous year. Funding was spread geographically with awards received in Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, the Netherlands, Romania, Switzerland and the USA. A large proportion of the projects accepted fall into the category bone augmentation, metabolism and implants with implant/tissue interface and predictability of implant restorations in second and third place.

ITI Research Institute

A decision was taken by the Board of Directors to reallocate the majority of research funds for individual projects that closely correspond to the goals cited in the ITI mission statement and as a result the five-year funding agreement with the ITI Research Institute in Bern was not renewed.

The Research Committee is proud to confirm that the ITI is one of the most consistent and largest non-governmental funding institutions in implant dentistry worldwide and has provided research funding of more than CHF 30 million to date.

ITI Research Committee Members

Chairman:

Taylor Thomas D., USA

Belser Urs, Switzerland

Bosshardt Dieter, Switzerland

Cochran David, USA

Hammerle Christoph, Switzerland

Reichert Torsten, Germany

Sándor George, Canada

Seto Kanichi, Japan

Terheyden Hendrik, Germany

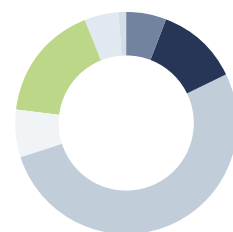
Matter Sandro, Switzerland

2007 Research applications and grants

Applications received	54
Applications accepted	23
Total grants*	2.456

* in CHF million

2007 distribution of grants per classification



Systemic influence and osseointegration	6%
Predictability of implant restorations	12%
Bone augmentation, metabolism and implants	52%
Implant therapy treatment planning	7%
Risk factors for dental implants	0%
Implant tissue interface	17%
Prosthetics including occlusion, esthetics	5%
Implant orthodontics	1%

Building on existing momentum
and developing a more rounded
offering to cover a maximum of
educational situations and tools.

Stephen T. Chen, Chairman of the Education Committee

The role of education in the field of implant dentistry remained central for the ITI in 2007 as the organization discussed strategic measures to build on existing momentum and develop a more rounded offering to cover a maximum of educational situations and tools.

Core Group changes

As the new Chairman of the Education Core Group and Education Committee it is my very pleasant duty to thank my predecessor Daniel Buser, who led the group for many years and has now been appointed President-elect. The Core Group also lost Daniele Botticelli, whom we would like to thank for his active participation and contribution towards furthering continuing education. The Core Group was joined by two new members: Luca Cordaro from Italy and Johannes Kleinheinz from Germany. With this new constellation of members, the Group is well prepared to tackle the ambitious program that lies ahead of us.

ITI World Symposium 2007

As the showcase that encapsulates the ITI's efforts in support of excellence in continuing education, the World Symposium in New York raised many questions and stimulated much discussion with its topic: Reality and Myth in Clinical Implant Dentistry. In this field, it is scientific evidence that defines the difference between the two. As clinicians however, we are faced with the question of how to evaluate new developments that are not yet extensively documented. These matters led to much lively discussion and constructive argument during the Symposium, untainted by any hint

of commercialism or attempt to sell a particular method or technique. As such, the ITI World Symposium 2007 was a success, bringing together not only many experts in their field, but also an active and inquisitive audience, eager to learn more. It was also the ideal venue for the launch of the long awaited Glossary of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants (GOMI). The ITI's success in New York will not be easy to match, but we are already working on our next World Symposium that will take place in Geneva, Switzerland in April, 2010.

SAC Consensus Conference

Just prior to the World Symposium, a multi-disciplinary group of 28 Fellows met in Mallorca to tackle the question of standardization of treatment procedures within three categories – Straight-forward; Advanced; Complex – at the SAC Consensus Conference. The need to clearly identify the degree of difficulty and risk involved in surgical and restorative procedures is undisputed. Today, the majority of education in implant dentistry comes after graduation and there is little education currently available that takes a neutral approach to treatment and the associated risks.

The ITI's objective is to prepare an SAC publication to be issued in early 2009

Education Core Group and Committee

The Education Core Group is responsible for strategic and conceptual projects, while the Education Committee implements the guidelines set by the Core Group at a national level.

ITI Education Core Group Members

Chairman:

Chen Stephen T., Australia

Cordaro Luca, Italy

Katsuyama Hideaki, Japan

Kleinheinz Johannes, Germany

Ruskin James D., USA

Wismeijer Daniel, Netherlands

Cologna Peter, Switzerland

ITI Education Committee Members

Chairman:

Chen Stephen T., Australia

Blase Didier, Belgium

Bodereau Enrique, Argentina

Cologna Peter, Switzerland

Cordaro Luca, Italy

Donos Nikolaos, United Kingdom

Fabréga Javier, Spain

Feloutzis Andreas, Greece

Gaggl Alexander, Austria

Giray Bahadir, Turkey

Head Timothy, Canada

Heitz-Mayfield Lisa, Australia

Januário Alessandro, Brazil

Johansson Lars Ake, Sweden

Katsuyama Hideaki, Japan

Leesungbok Richard, Korea

Redinha Luis, Portugal

Rousseau Paul, France

Ruskin James, USA

Schmid Bruno, Switzerland

Storgård Jensen Simon, Denmark

Terheyden Hendrik, Germany

Tsai Alex, Taiwan

Van Zyl Paul, South Africa

Wismeijer Daniel, Netherlands

that is based on the series of normative classifications resulting from the Conference. These classifications are currently being further developed in order to encompass and detail a listing of case types. Entitled The SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry, this standard reference book will provide practitioners with a guide as to the level of experience, knowledge and skill that is necessary for a particular procedure and is expected to set the standard for treatment evaluation within the field.

Evolution of ITI Treatment Guide series

The Treatment Guide series, now in its second volume entitled Loading Protocols in Implant Dentistry – Partially Dentate Patients that was published in October 2007, draws substantially on the concepts described in the SAC reference book. The ITI has already defined nine major topics for future volumes of the Treatment Guide series and will continue to publish one volume each year. Volume three is due for publication in October 2008. This highly appreciated series is one of the factors that sets the ITI apart from similar academic organizations and creates a benchmark to which all of us as practitioners can aspire.

Beyond 2007

The success of the ITI's educational plans depends strongly on the pool of ITI Speakers. Nowadays electronic media are an integral part of the tools and support they need to do their job even better. The ITI Knowledge Network is the framework within which the ITI supports its Speakers and we intend, in the coming years, to expand and strengthen this valuable channel of Speaker support. It will be the subject of a dedicated conference in 2009 with the aim of achieving consensus on its scope, con-

tent and structure. In the meantime, the next regular ITI Consensus Conference is taking place in Stuttgart in August 2008 to discuss and define statements that will provide practitioners in the field of implant dentistry with reliable guidelines to treatment in line with the ITI philosophy of evidence-based findings.

A strong and ongoing commitment to the ITI demonstrated through a high level of activity in the areas of education, research, development or leadership are necessary in order to become a Fellow of the ITI.

In 2007 the ITI Board of Directors elected 68 new Fellows who fulfill these criteria. The ITI would like to welcome the new Fellows to the ITI community and wishes them all the best in their professional development as well as their personal fulfillment as part of our global community of friends and colleagues.

A: Ahlmann Soren, Aarhus, Denmark / Aubazac Dominique, Clermont Ferrand, France / Ayyoub Khaled, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates / **B:** Behnaz Hassan, Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran / Bernhart Thomas, Wien, Austria / Biffar Reiner, Greifswald, Germany / Bilbao Arturo, Santiago de Compostela, Spain / Bilko Slawomir, Toronto, Canada / Borel Jean Francois, Clermont-Ferrand, France / Brodala Nadine, Chapel Hill, United States / Buatois Hervé, Grenoble, France **C/E/G:** Caubet Biayna Jorge, Palma, Spain / Chen Jiang, Fuzhou Fujian, China / Coutinho Alves Celia, Porto, Portugal / Couto Viana Pedro, Porto, Portugal / Covani Ugo, Camaiore, Italy / Erasmus Jason, Christchurch, New Zealand / Gaggi Alexander, Klagenfurt, Austria / Gratton David, Iowa City, United States / Grundling Daniel, Port Elizabeth, South Africa / Gu Zhiyuan, Hangzhou, China **H/J:** Halaby Camille R., Montreal, Canada / Hillerup Søren, Virum, Denmark / Hsieh Albert Y.D., Taiwan / Huynh-Ba Guy, Bern, Switzerland / Jakse Norbert, Graz, Austria **K/L:** Karimbux Nadeem, Boston, United States / Kokovic Vladimir, Belgrade, Yugoslavia / Kraehenmann Michael, Zürich, Switzerland / Kunkel Martin, Bochum, Germany / Laney William, Rio Verde, United States / Lightfoot William, Milton, United States / London Robert, Seattle, United States **M/N:** Makrauer Zola, Huntingdon Valley, United States / Malan Jacques, Port Elizabeth, South Africa / Mardas Nikolaos, London, United Kingdom / Margeas Robert C., Des Moines, United States / Niimura Masahiro, Tokyo, Japan / Nilsen Dagfinn, Sofiemyr, Norway / Nygaard-Ostby Per, Oslo, Norway **P/R:** Pang Iok-Chao, Yung Kang City, Taiwan / Pavlovic Pedja, Kent, United Kingdom / Penarrocha Diego Miguel, Valencia, Spain / Phillips Gregory E., Columbus, United States / Pignol Jean-Francois, Montpellier, France / Present Steven, North Wales, United States / Rabaco Pedro, Lisboa, Portugal / Renault Patrick, Paris, France / Renzi Antonio, Rimini, Italy / Roos Arie Willem, Cape Town, South Africa / Roy Graham, Anglesey, United Kingdom **S:** Saab Nidal, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates / Santosa Robert, Sydney, Australia / Schnabl Dagmar, Innsbruck, Austria / Seitner Thomas, Ostfildern, Germany / Stilwell Charlotte, London, United Kingdom / Su Yucheng, Beijing, China / Summerwill Anthony, Birmingham, United Kingdom / Syfrig Benno, Luzern, Switzerland / Sykaras Nikitas, Halandri, Greece **T/U/V:** Tseng Chuen-Chyi, Yung Kang, Taiwan / Tunes Fabio Sanches Magalhaes, Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil / Umehara Kazuhiro, Hirosaki, Aomori, Japan / Vilos George, Athens, Greece **W/Y/Z:** Wu Phoebe Suefang, Taipei, Taiwan / Yoshimura Harunori, Bibai Hokkaido, Japan / Zhang Zhiyong, Shanghai, China / Zhou Lei, Guangzhou, China

“Our goals have not changed significantly over the last 10 years but our methods of working have.”

Hans-Peter Weber, Chairman of the ITI Scholarship Committee

Having taken over as Chairman of the ITI Scholarship Committee in 2007, I would like to thank Erik Hjørting-Hansen for all his hard work as Chairman in nurturing the Scholarship program through its first decade. While Erik will continue his tenure on the Committee, Christoph Hammerle will in future bring his formidable expertise to the Research Committee. I would like to thank him for the many years of hard work and dedication to our Scholars. Despite losing Christoph, we have actually expanded the Committee in order to reflect the program's worldwide network more accurately. Hence, I would like to welcome the new Committee members: Gil Alcoforado from Portugal, former Scholar Nick Donos from the UK and Alex Tsai from Taiwan, who will be our Asian representative.

During Erik's term of office, he committed considerable time and thought not only to the Scholar selection process, but also to that of the Scholarship Centers. We currently have 17 Scholarship Centers around the world, each carefully chosen in terms of the opportunities it offers Scholars and the quality of mentoring that it provides. Our newest Scholarship Center is in Canada near Toronto: Bloorview Kids Rehab. This is Canada's largest children's rehabilitation hospital that treats children and young people who have complex needs due to congenital disease, illness or accident.

The total of Scholarships awarded in 2007 comes to 21, including young clinicians from all over the world. This diversity of nationality and country of origin is something the Scholarship Committee continues to support positively. It was part of the original concept to offer young clinicians an opportunity to work in an unfamiliar cultural environment so

that they can experience different approaches to implant dentistry, learn from them and take them back for application in their country wherever appropriate.

Our goals have not changed significantly over the years but our methods of working have. As is appropriate in an electronic age, Scholarship applications in 2007 were submitted electronically for the first time using the ITI Knowledge Network. This provided the basis for electronic evaluation of the applications by the Scholarship Committee.

Since the program began in 1998 we have awarded more than 100 Scholarships and many of our Scholars have gone on to take on challenging tasks and influential positions. As a new member of the Scholarship Committee, Nick Donos is a good example. He was awarded an ITI Scholarship in 1999 and now, almost a decade later, has a chair at the Eastman Dental Clinic in London and is also Education Delegate for the UK & Ireland Section.

For a number of years, the ITI offered a Research Scholarship, but few submissions were received and the object of the Scholarship to offer financial support for living expenses while working on an approved project was often misunderstood. As a result the Research Scholarship has been canceled. Due to fluctuating currencies, the Scholarship Committee has been authorized to adapt the amounts awarded to Scholars and Scholarship Centers which will now be in Swiss francs rather than US dollars. Each Scholar will now receive CHF 40,000 while an administrative stipend of CHF 10,000 per scholar is offered to the hosting Scholarship Centers.

ITI Scholarship Committee Members

Chairman:

Weber Hans-Peter, USA

Alcoforado Gil, Portugal

Donos Nikolaos, UK

Hjørting-Hansen Erik, Denmark

Lang Klaus, Switzerland

Tsai Alex, Taiwan

Jaberg Thomas, USA

An independent contribution
towards furthering the
development of sound treatment
methods.

Gerhard Wahl, Chairman of the ITI Development Committee

For more than two decades, the ITI Development Committee has shared a unique and rewarding relationship with Straumann. This relationship has changed and developed over the years in response to more stringent regulatory requirements as well as the growing market and portfolio of products.

New Committee lineup

In 2007, the Development Committee held elections and a number of members did not stand for re-election. Among those leaving was Chris ten Bruggenkate, who led the Development Committee as Chairman for many years. I would like to thank him for his invaluable contribution. He had a tremendous impact on the work of the Committee, not least by introducing a highly streamlined and simplified way of working. I would also like to thank our other departing members Urs Belser, Kurt Flury and Johannes Röckl for their hard work, constructive ideas and dedication over the years. The Committee would like to welcome Anthony Dickinson, Will Martin, Christian Müller and Mario Rocuzzo.

Changing roles

Given the rapid introduction of products and devices in recent years, particularly in the area of prosthetics, as well as stricter regulatory requirements, the role of the Development Committee has shifted and changed. Initially the Committee worked side by side with engineers and product development teams, but then gradually began to take over more of an advisory role related to individual phases of development.

The collective expertise and experience represented by the Development Committee and placed at the disposal of Straumann offers our industrial partner a unique opportunity to consult on new products, and review customer feedback

to identify whether a product should be adapted and how. Where the Committee's discussions lead to changes in treatment approaches, these are also passed on so that they can be integrated into education plans and the necessary educational tools. The introduction of the bone level implant, for example, led to considerable discussion, making it clear that targeted education at an early stage must accompany any product launch.

Multidisciplinary approach

The strength of the Development Committee lies in its broadly multidisciplinary composition made up of surgeons, dental technicians and prosthodontists. This ensures that the committee has the expertise to address all the issues that might arise, pinpointing potential shortcomings and unmet needs. The introduction of new technologies and systems has also had an effect on discussion. For example, treatment methods in regard to new systems often seem clear under optimal conditions, but daily practice presents many unforeseen situations.

The success of this unique symbiosis between the ITI and Straumann is largely due to the fact that the ITI has been able to make an independent and impartial, pro bono contribution towards furthering the development of sound treatment methods to the benefit of patients.

ITI Development Committee Members

Chairman:

Wahl Gerhard, Germany

Brägger Urs, Switzerland

Higginbottom Frank, USA

Shafer David, USA

Dickinson Anthony, Australia

Martin William, USA

Müller Christian, Germany

Rocuzzo Mario, Italy

Matter Sandro, Switzerland

In support of excellence.

Where excellence is the goal, there is little likelihood of ever being able to sit back and relax – the quest always continues. This is precisely the situation faced by clinicians in the field of implant dentistry. As the focus of the field has moved away from the implant itself towards differing treatment approaches and the varying degrees of complexity inherent to individual cases, accompanied by higher patient expectations, continuing education must broaden its scope to meet these new challenges.

In its mission “to promote and disseminate knowledge on all aspects of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration”, the ITI has always placed great value on the role of education and in particular the various tools and instruments associated with it. Accordingly, the ITI has been particularly active in recent years in developing and launching measures to meet the needs of practitioners as both consumers and providers of education.

Among the catalog of measures designed to support clinicians are various publications such as the enormously successful ITI Treatment Guide series, the third volume of which is now in preparation. The success of this series can be traced back not only to the clarity of approach and presentation as well as the thoroughness with which each volume tackles its subject, but also to the insight which each chapter provides in regard to the degree of risk involved that also enables the material to be used in discussion with patients.

Another book which has achieved the status of a standard work since its publication is the GOMI. A Quintessence reference guide with more than 2,000 definitions and descriptions of implant-related terms in whose development the ITI participated, the GOMI has garnered praise worldwide and has been enthusiastically endorsed by leading academic organizations in the field.

Both the ITI Treatment Guide series and the GOMI are in the process of being translated into a broad range of languages in order to offer clinicians everywhere a standardized base of terminology and reliable, evidence-based treatment methodologies that can be followed with ease thanks to step-by-step instructions and images.

Books represent one very important and traditional tool, but an exchange of experience in small groups is another approach that has also enjoyed much success. Since 1998, the Swiss Section of the ITI has championed what were first known as ITI User Club meetings and are now known as ITI Study Clubs. With 27 Study Clubs spread throughout the

country, this approach has proven its effectiveness in bringing together dentists to discuss specific issues and cases and share tips and tricks in small groups. Each of these groups is led by an ITI Fellow or Member who often opens the meeting with a talk or presentation on a set topic. In order to support these and other Speakers who have an active role in the dissemination of knowledge to other practitioners, the ITI undertakes Speaker development.

While each of our ITI Speakers is an expert in his or her own field, the technology involved in teaching nowadays has become demanding and expectations on the part of the audience are high. Each Speaker is expected to provide photography to an almost professional level and well designed presentations – the technical pitfalls in both areas are many and varied and the benchmark is regularly raised. Through its Sections, the ITI provides various forms of training for Speakers, ranging from media training to new technology seminars, to equip them to face the demands of our media-oriented era. This also extends to the production of tailor-made software that has been designed for the presentation of case studies: ITI Case View, the latest version of which was released in 2007 and contains many new features.

The pursuit of excellence through continuing education is a worthwhile goal and the following pages provide some insight into how the ITI makes its contribution.

Education at the regional level in action.



Dr. Bruno Schmid, Education Delegate of the Swiss ITI Section

Education is central to the ITI, which spreads its philosophy through global events such as the ITI World Symposium and international Consensus meetings. It is also very active at a national level through its highly successful national congresses and educational meetings organized by its individual Sections. A further opportunity for clinicians to meet and exchange knowledge, experience and ideas from the world of implant dentistry is provided through informal meetings in smaller groups: the ITI Study Clubs.

These Study Clubs have proven to be very effective in the exchange of knowledge and as such represent one of the ITI's great success stories in recent years. While the concept of Study Clubs is not new, the ITI has adopted it because of the advantages it offers in support of continuing education. Study Clubs have a significant reach that takes in the general practitioner who may not otherwise have regular access to the latest discussions in the field.

The idea of Study Clubs is to provide an informal communications platform for dentists, dental technicians and dental hygienists to discuss questions relating to implant dentistry. The advantage of meeting in a small group is the informal atmosphere that allows clinicians, who may only have limited experience of placing implants, to ask questions, discuss cases and issues relating to them with other clinicians and take advantage of the professional experience available.

The country in which the ITI Study Clubs are most extensively developed is Switzerland. The first meetings – in the form of ITI User Clubs – took place in 1998 and were renamed ITI Study Clubs when they were integrated into Swiss Section activi-

ties. The number of Study Clubs in Switzerland has grown steadily and there are now 27 throughout the country.

Dr. Bruno Schmid, Education Delegate of the Swiss Section ran an ITI Study Club in Bern for around five years and is a firm believer in the benefits of this approach to continuing education. "At congresses, many people do not feel comfortable asking questions in front of a large and anonymous audience. In the Study Club environment, people perhaps already know each other or get to know each other over a few meetings. It is a smaller, more intimate setting and makes it easier not only to ask questions, but also to discuss cases and accept criticism where necessary without feeling too exposed. It is a milieu that, for the most part, is not affected by any strong rivalry between peers. In the group that I ran many of the members were not necessarily frequent users of implants and the Study Club was a source of very useful practical tips and tricks."

Discussion ranges from surgical and prosthetic questions to regeneration and technical issues. If a new product or product part is introduced, the Study Club is a good place to discuss its application and reliability, but the focus is clearly on case planning, treatment strategies and problem solving. Bruno Schmid describes how his Study Club was run: "We used to meet three or four times a year and we would prepare key topics for discussion; then either I or perhaps an invited Speaker would start off the evening with a short presentation. This isn't mandatory, but it is helpful in warming people up and focusing the mind in a particular direction. People would be asked in advance to bring and share material on the topic for discussion and constructive feedback.

Even in these very safe surroundings, it can sometimes be difficult to get people to talk, but persistence and direct questions usually worked well in the end to everyone's benefit."

"Meetings usually last around two hours – from 6 to 8 in the evening – which means that nobody has to take time off work and there is always the possibility of continuing the discussion in smaller groups afterwards. Group size can be anything between 10 and 25 people, after which it is a good idea to create a second group for the same area. Over the years we have had various approaches to the group's administrative requirements. Previously participants paid an annual fee of CHF 100 to 150, but now Study Club membership is part of the ITI Membership package, so participants just need to become Members of the ITI. The investment of CHF 150 each year remains the same and the benefits for the Members are sizable, with a copy of the latest Treatment Guide, regular issues of Forum Implantologicum and reductions on ITI courses and to the World Symposium. This seems very reasonable to me and it also implies a certain commitment on the part of the participant."

To help present cases in a standardized format, the ITI has developed ITI Case View (see page 23) – an intuitive software program that makes case presentation at Study Clubs child's play at the same time as offering Speakers a broad range of options for interactive presentation.

The administrative aspect is one that plays a large and important role in the running of the Study Club. Without someone to take responsibility for booking the venue, sending out mailings with the time and place to regular as well as poten-

tial attendees, coordinating responses and generally taking care of all the administrative traffic and details, it would not be possible to run a Study Club successfully. Normally it is the Section Administrator who takes on this role and this can turn out to be an almost full-time responsibility if the Study Clubs are as successful as they have turned out to be in Switzerland.

Local networking and the possibility of meeting colleagues with whom a working relationship can develop are among the benefits, another is that the meetings count towards continuing education credits for the year. Continuing education is compulsory for all clinicians and the Study Clubs are a painless and very directly useful way of fulfilling that responsibility. They are also considerably less expensive than the average course for which, in addition, time must be taken off work with the ensuing loss of income.

Bruno Schmid comments: "The Study Club concept is beginning to catch on, more in some countries than others. Brazil appears to have adopted the concept with enthusiasm. It is a way to reach many practitioners and a perfect opportunity for networking and scientific exchange. It represents a win-win situation for everyone involved."

ITI Study Clubs in Switzerland.

In Switzerland, the ITI Study Clubs have become an integral part of Section activities, but without an active and committed Section Administrator, running them would not be possible. Heinz Frei is the Section Administrator for the Swiss ITI Section and he was instrumental in the launch of the Study Club concept within the ITI, initially in Switzerland, and is still very closely involved with their foundation and development in other countries.

“In 2007, we had 64 ITI Study Club meetings throughout the country and anticipate 70 meetings for 2008,” Heinz says, “which involves a great deal of administrative work. There are approximately 1,600 dentists and dental technicians on our lists – almost a quarter of practising dentists within Switzerland. Naturally, perhaps only about 800 of those are active, but those 800 benefit from the opportunity to meet several times a year within small groups to discuss topics that affect their professional daily life and also count towards their continuing medical education.”

“There are approximately 1,600 dentists and dental technicians on our lists – almost a quarter of practising dentists within Switzerland.”

The role of the Section Administrator is vital to the smooth running of the ITI Study Clubs. He or she is responsible for coordinating with the Study Club leader to define the topics, set a date, get in touch with the registered participants, assess numbers and arrange the necessary rooms. With a total of 27 ITI Study Clubs in Switzerland in 2007, the level of administration is high and the Section has been assigned an administrative assistant to support Heinz, who will spend 4 days a week working exclusively on their organization and running.

Whenever a new ITI Study Club is proposed for a part of Switzerland that has not yet been covered, Heinz works on finding the right person to lead it, “The Coordinator should be someone who is generally accepted by his or her peers, who can motivate people and stimulate discussion. That is their main role, they shouldn’t have to deal with any administrative tasks as that is what we are there to do.”

At the first meeting of a new Study Club, Heinz makes a presentation to explain just who the ITI is and how it works. “Amazingly many people still don’t really understand the difference between Straumann and the ITI and I find it important to clarify the aims and objectives of the ITI.” Given his experience, Heinz is in demand to provide Sections with information on how the Study Clubs work, their features and benefits. He explains “Often the Sections are not aware that once they have put together an ITI Study Club concept and submitted it with their annual budget, they are entitled to financial support to cover the costs of the rooms, a fee for the Study Club Coordinator and a drinks party once a year.”

His advice if a Section wants to start a Study Club “Take a look at my presentation and then get started as quickly as possible!”

ITI Case View 2.0.

A software program that was originally presented by Professor Urs Belser in Lucerne in 2000, the latest release of ITI Case View – version 2.0 – has many new features that make it easier to use and very flexible in its presentation modes and options. The strong advantage of ITI Case View 2.0 over other often used software such as PowerPoint or Keynote is that it supports interactive discussion through its flexible handling. In its presentation modus, Speakers can move more easily between sets of images, enlarging or rearranging them as necessary during discussion to make a point or to focus on a particular detail without ever losing the flow of or orientation within the presentation.

ITI Case View 2.0 was developed as a presentation program for study groups. With its intuitive functioning, it allows Speakers to put together a case presentation within a very short time in any of four different viewing formats: 4:3, 3:2, 16:9 or 3:1. Its modular structure in three sections: introduction, forum, and solution means that the pre- and post-treatment situations can be addressed as well as the treatment approach. And the system allows for up to five sets of images each with up to 16 images.

Each case presentation can be as simple or complex as the presenter requires, depending on how he or she fills the three sections. The introduction serves to summarize the clinical situation with the presenting issues and is accompanied by two images. It can then be followed up by pairs of explanatory images while the presenter further develops the pre-treatment situation.

The forum is the key section of every presentation, where the speaker can make free use of the image set feature to show images either individually, in pairs or in groups of four as desired or necessary to outline the case. Images can also be grouped in new constellations on the spot in response to feedback or queries from the audience.

The final section, the solution, mirrors the introduction by providing a listing of the treatment steps accompanied by key images.

Preparation of the presentation is easy thanks to the intuitive structure of the program and menus. Images can be imported into the case either singly, in groups or in a folder,



ITI Case View 2.0 offers a simple and efficient tool for creating orderly and flexible presentations.

legend fields appear under each image and the images are added to the presentation using drag and drop. They can just as easily be removed by a simple click. Every text field can be edited and changed at any moment. Buttons and instruction fields are kept to a minimum to cover the necessary requirements while fulfilling user needs. In addition to creating simple presentations, the program allows users to export them with or without a watermark and also to import cases.

ITI Case View 2.0 offers a simple and efficient tool for creating orderly and flexible presentations that can be used to great effect in teaching and discussion situations in small groups.

Case View 2.0 is available to ITI Speakers and those involved in ITI Education activities within the Sections for download from the ITI Knowledge Network.

Argentine Section

Section Officers



Chairman:
Jean-Paul Martinet



Education Delegate:
Enrique Fernández
Bodereau



Section Administrator:
Pablo Turek

As a Section that was newly established in 2007, the Argentine Fellows met four times during their first year. The Section's first meeting was held in Buenos Aires at the end of August and managed to attract 200 participants. During the meeting a case competition was held and the three winners won a trip to Brazil to attend the ITI congress. Prior to that the Section held one leadership meeting as well as a Speaker Development event. At the second leadership meeting in November, planning began for events in 2008.

At the end of 2007 the new Section had 6 Fellows and 51 Members.

Australasian Section

Section Officers



Chairman:
Stephen Chen



Education Delegate:
Lisa Heitz-Mayfield



Section Administrator:
Angela Young

During 2007, the Australasian Section held two Section meetings, two study clubs and two Speaker support meetings as well as more than 20 evening seminars on topics of general interest and relevance to implant dentistry.

The Speaker development activities were in support of the Section's 12 new Speakers to give them an overview of the ITI and its philosophy and activities as well as to meet the Section's seasoned Speakers. The second Speaker development meeting drew almost twice the number of attendees. The Section meetings focussed on education and the development on evaluation protocols for future education and training programs. At the July Section meeting, former Education Delegate Stephen Chen

was elected new Section Chairman and Lisa Heitz-Mayfield Education Delegate.

In 2007, the Australasian Section increased its membership from 184 to impressive 329 Members and from 14 to 16 Fellows.

Austrian Section

Established in 2006, the Austrian Section experienced 66% growth in membership from 23 to 40 Members by the end of 2007; the number of Fellows grew from 8 to 13. The Austrian Section is still very young and focusing on growth. In order to attract new Members and offer existing Members added value, the Section is organizing study clubs and held a total of three in two different locations (Innsbruck and Klagenfurt) that were attended by 28, 18 and 25 participants, respectively, with a further study club planned for February 2008 in Vienna.

The Section held one business meeting in Innsbruck in July where the attendees prepared for the Section annual meeting in September and planned educational activities for 2008. Christian Krenkel passed on his duties as Education Delegate to Alexander Gaggl in 2007.

Section Officers



Chairman:

Ingrid Grunert



Education Delegate:

Alexander Gaggl



Section Administrator:

Ulf Christian Henschen

Belgian Section

Approved by the ITI Board of Directors in November 2007, the Belgian ITI Section had 6 Fellows and 71 Members by the end of the year. The Section has ambitious plans for 2008 that include a national congress as well as regular Section meetings and study clubs. Members are being encouraged to become Speakers and Speaker development activities are being planned.

Section Officers



Chairman:

Jan de Boever



Education Delegate:

Didier Blase



Section Administrator:

Dries De Pauw

Section Officers*Chairman:*

Waldemar Polido

*Education Delegate:*Alessandro Lourenço
Januário*Section Administrator:*

Hans Aebi

Brazilian Section

Established in late 2004, the Brazilian Section is growing fast and had a total of 18 Fellows and 188 Members at the end of 2007. The Section is very active, meeting regularly for Section meetings, study clubs, ITI courses and Speaker development. The country's size and extensive population of dentists mean that there is a great deal of potential for the ITI and the country's more than 220,000 dentists are increasingly interested in implant dentistry as a complementary form of therapy.

In 2007, there were two well attended Section meetings held in January (Sao Paulo) and September (Rio de Janeiro). These presented an opportunity for Speakers to share their knowledge on a variety of subjects ranging from autogenous bone, through restorative planning in the esthetic area to treatment methods in multiple recession areas. The second day of the September meeting included a presentation oriented to several chapters of the Treatment Guide, Volume 1 for all those present at the CIORJ congress. Section Chairman Waldemar Polido was responsible for reviewing the translated content of the Portuguese version of the Treatment

Guide, which has been enthusiastically received by Brazilian specialists.

As well as a total of 25 study clubs held in the second half of the year and attended by more than 500 dentists, the Section also held four regional meetings in conjunction with local congresses. Through the total of 25 presentations made by ITI Fellows, these meetings provided the ITI with an opportunity to raise its flag at various locations and tell clinicians a little about the ITI's priorities and philosophy. Speaker development was also supported in the form of a meeting in January where more than 50 Fellows, Speakers and Members benefited from presentations, among others, on the Case View 2.0 software as well as digital photography for odontology.

Planning also began for the second Brazilian congress which will be held in Sao Paulo from October 2 to 4 in 2008. With seven speakers from the USA, Australia and Europe as well as 31 from Brazil, interactive events and a lunch & learn session, the event promises to be one of the most important in its field for the dental community in Brazil in 2008.

Canadian Section

In 2007, the Canadian Section held two Section meetings during which it discussed and prepared the February 2008 national congress in Whistler, British Columbia, worked on the development of local study clubs, the standardization of ITI branded educational courses given by Canadian ITI Fellows as well as the recruitment of practitioners to the ITI to include the Western provinces of Canada and ensure a more nationally representative group.

In its two Speaker development meetings, attendees were taught how to improve their presentation technique using software programs and also how to improve the quality of their photography. Both meetings were greeted with enthusiasm and appreciation.

During the last quarter of 2007, the Canadian Section succeeded in firmly establishing a study club program.

The Section increased its numbers from 91 to 185 Members and from 15 to 17 Fellows during 2007.

Section Officers



Chairman:
George Sándor



Education Delegate:
Timothy Head



Section Administrator:
Alain Laroche

Danish Section

In 2007, the Danish ITI Section focussed on further consolidation and growth. To achieve this objective, the Section organized two identical full-day member meetings, one in the western part of Denmark, Jutland, and the day after in Zealand, in the eastern part of Denmark. The program covered both theoretical and clinically relevant topics and focused mainly on surgical aspects of oral implant dentistry. The entire program was presented by Danish ITI Fellows. The lectures were followed with great interest and accompanied by many fruitful discussions between the speakers and the audience. More than 100 participants attended each meeting.

One Speaker's Development Course was held for the Fellows. Five of the 12 Fellows participated in a very intense and challenging two-day course on presentation techniques. Two Section meetings were held with the participation of

almost every Fellow. The meetings focussed on the development of an education strategy for 2008 and planning the Danish National ITI Congress which will be held on May 15, 2009.

In September 2007, Henning Lehmann Bastian announced his retirement as Section Chairman. His big efforts for the Section from the early start until today are highly appreciated. Merete Aaboe was unanimously elected as new Section Chairman. Simon Storgård Jensen continues as Education Delegate. Andreas Stavropoulos was elected new Corresponding Editor. Finn Andersen was replaced by Per Jensen as Section Administrator.

By the end of the year, the Danish Section managed to increase its membership from 77 to 160 Members and 12 Fellows.

Section Officers



Chairman:
Merete Aaboe



Education Delegate:
Simon Storgård Jensen

Section Administrator:
Per Jensen

Dutch Section

Section Officers



Chairman:

Lex van Gool



Education Delegate:

Daniel Wismeijer



Section Administrator:

Wim van Dam

The unusual choice of a football stadium in Utrecht as a location for the Section's meeting in June 2007 was popular and brought positive results in that Section involvement after the meeting remained high – there were 37 participants at the meeting. The Section meeting included presentations on CAD/CAM planning and technology as well as a presentation by a retired footballer on the parallels between team sport and implant dentistry. A Fellow meeting followed later on in the month at which the decision was made to

research the degree of demand for study clubs in the Netherlands.

The Dutch Section increased its membership from 87 to 137 Members in 2007, while the number of Fellows remained steady at 10.

French Section

Section Officers



Chairman:

Maurice Leize



Section Administrator:

Guillaume Daniellot

The French Section is undergoing changes with a new focus that aims to reintroduce the spirit of the ITI more actively throughout the Section. As a result of many administrative meetings to which a large number of Fellows and Members have made a considerable contribution, an activity plan has been created for 2008 onwards. This includes a national congress in 2009 to be preceded by a nationwide survey sent out to French dentists to find out their views and practices in regard to implant dentistry.

In 2007, the French Section grew from 7 to 12 Fellows and had 65 Members by the end of the year.

German Section

There were no great changes in the German Section in 2007, but steps were taken to broaden Section activities to include training for Speakers as well as a program of study clubs in various locations. The annual Section meeting took place in February during which discussion focused on developing the two opportunities outlined above as well as extensive planning for the 2008 7th national congress to take place in Cologne in April. Even in the planning stage, conservative estimates for attendance lay at the 1,500+ mark.

In total, the Section held five all-day Speaker support meetings led by an experienced trainer who focused on measures to relax Speakers and neutralize stress in difficult situations coupled

with live video recordings for direct feedback on progress. Seven study clubs were also held in seven different locations, each focusing on a different aspect of treatment.

In order to support its educational activities, the Section also produced its first ITI branded continuing education brochure which was then sent to all Fellows and Members.

During 2007, the Section increased its membership from 76 to 79 Fellows and 161 to 227 Members.

Section Officers



Chairman:
Gerhard Wahl



Education Delegate:
Hendrik Terheyden



Section Administrator:
Andreas Nitschke

Greek Section

Having received Board approval in late 2006, the Greek ITI Section held its official inaugural meeting in July 2007. There were no other Section meetings held in 2007, although the Section was represented at the ITI Mediterranean Speaker Development meeting in Sardinia, Italy in September.

The Section is responsible for ITI seminar cycles that it continues to run for both the surgical and prosthetic field. Last year, the Section concentrated on planning its first national congress for

2008 which will take place in Athens on September 27 and 28, entitled "New developments vs. established concepts in implant dentistry".

At the end of 2007, the Section had increased its membership to 6 Fellows and 41 Members.

Section Officers



Chairman:
Ioannis Fourmosis



Education Delegate:
Andreas Feloutzis



Section Administrator:
Alex Kosmas

Section Officers*Chairman:*

Pedro Bullón

*Education Delegate (E):*

Javier Fábrega

*Education Delegate (P):*

Luis Redinha

Section Administrator:

Carlos Molinero

Iberian Section

More than 400 professionals from the Iberian Section in Spain and Portugal made the journey to New York for the World Symposium in 2007 underlining the value of the event as well as the Section's strong commitment to the ITI.

During the year, two Section meetings were held in Madrid in June and Sardinia in September. The latter was combined with the Mediterranean Speaker Development event and was attended by 40 Fellows and Members from the Section. Under discussion during the meetings were speaker development and the nomination of new ITI Speakers, the implementation of study clubs and the educational program for the following year as well as the location for the 2009 national congress that will take place in Madrid on March 13 and 14.

The Section also inaugurated a new type of meeting to be known as the ITI Scientific Update event where distinguished ITI Fellows and Speakers make presentations on the latest developments in a given area. The first meeting in Madrid in December focused on the indications and uses of the newly launched bone level implant. It was a resounding success with more than 100 satisfied participants.

During the year, Professor Gil Alcoforado passed on his duties as Education Delegate for Portugal to Dr. Luis Redinha. The Section grew gratifyingly with an increase of five Fellows to 30 and from 200 to 288 Members by the end of 2007.

Italian Section

Cooperation and friendship between dental professionals who aspire to the highest standards coupled with a broad range of educational activities represent the focus of the Italian ITI Section. In 2007, the Section held two Section meetings, in Genoa and in Sardinia in June and September, respectively. The meeting in Genoa drew more than 500 attendees and was also taken as an opportunity to hold a number of Complex level courses as part of the Italian SAC educational program.

The international Sardinian meeting concentrated on improving presentation skills and public speaking while the national meeting looked at how to run study clubs optimally. As a result, there were 10 study groups defined in Italy in 2007 and around 250 dentists attended meetings with an average of 25 attending each group. The number of groups for 2008 has risen to 14. The Section defined the aim of its study clubs as to

improve the ability of its attendees to find solutions to clinical cases that involve implants. Presentations are made by two or three attendees, followed by questions and answers and discussion that addresses the issues represented by the case. Study clubs are being coordinated by Sandro Siervo.

The Section underwent a change of leadership as Mario Rocuzzo stepped down after four years as Chairman and various Fellows were selected to support the Section in specific areas: Paolo Casentini as Corresponding Editor, Enzo Vaia as Section secretary, Eugenio Romeo, Claudio Arcuri and Sergio Piano for Member/Fellow relations, as well as an editorial committee made up of Roberto del Sordo, Gabriele Caruso and Giacomo Oteri.

By the end of the year, the Italian Section had increased the number of its Members from 138 to 240 with 26 Fellows.

Section Officers



Chairman:

Matteo Chiapasco



Education Delegate:

Luca Cordaro



Section Administrator:

Simo Beraha

Japanese Section

With the acquisition of Daishin Trading in 2007, Straumann now has a subsidiary in Japan and the Japanese ITI Section had a change of Section Administrator. The Section held three ITI Treatment Guide Volume 1 seminars in Tokyo, Osaka and Fukuoka and attracted a total of 800 participants and also held two Section meetings in the latter part of the year. Following publication of the first volume of the Treatment Guide, the Section decided to prepare a translation for the Japanese market. This volume

was launched on the Japanese market in September 2007.

The Section grew from 100 to 140 Members, and from 17 to 19 Fellows in 2007.

Section Officers



Chairman:

Eiji Funakoshi






Education Delegate:

Hideaki Katsuyama



Section Administrator:

Tetsumaru Murata

Section Officers	
	<i>Chairman:</i> Dong Hoo Han
	<i>Education Delegate:</i> Richard Leesungbok
	<i>Section Administrator:</i> Joo Hwan Bahn

Korean Section

Established in 2006, the Korean Section had 7 Fellows and 62 Members by the end of an active 2007. The Section's two meetings drew 50 and 40 attendees, respectively, and discussion extended to the establishment of regional groups to allow for a greater geographical spread of Members and more frequent meetings. The educational highlights in 2007 were the ITI Harvard course led by Professors HP Weber and Richard Leesungbok as well as the ITI Mainz course led by Professors Wilfried Wagner and Baeksoo Lee.

A national meeting on "Patient-Friendly Implant Dentistry" with a full and international program was held in Seoul in July and attracted 400 participants. Well respected Korean Speakers were complemented by Professor Rainer

Schmeizeisen from Freiburg, Germany, who gave a special lecture on "Bone Grafts, Osteosynthesis and Biomaterials".

In the Section's two study club meetings in Jeon Ju and Sok-Cho, a number of clinical cases were presented to regional dentists. The aim of the study clubs is to give general dentists and specialists outside of large cities an opportunity to find out more about the ITI philosophy as well as to exchange experiences relating to clinical cases. The Section is considering how to organize Speaker development activities in order to give their Speakers the maximum possible support in the form of tools and improvement in skills to reach potential and existing Members.

Section Officers	
	<i>Chairman:</i> Gerrit Wyma
	<i>Education Delegate:</i> Paul van Zyl
	<i>Section Administrator:</i> Peter Anderson

South African Section

South Africa has had connections to the ITI since October 2000 when Dr. Gerrit Wyma and Dr. Paul van Zyl joined the ITI. Since then, a further 5 Fellows have been appointed and some 31 Members joined by the end of December 2007. This culminated in the approval of a national ITI Section in October 2007 with an inaugural meeting in February 2008, attended by all 8 Fellows.


Plans were made in 2007 for 2008 and the Section's first task is to arrange the ITI South African Congress. This will be in Cape Town on October 31 and November 1, 2008. Guest speakers include Professor Dieter Weingart, Dr. Mario

Roccuzzo, Dr. Chris Evans and Dr. Dean Morton. It promises to be a superb congress in the stunning setting of the Cape Town Waterfront. The Section will also be setting up the necessary structures so that it can successfully launch its study clubs and speaker support programs for 2009.

Swedish Section

With more than a strong contingent of Fellows and Members from the Section attending the World Symposium in New York, the Swedish Section had an active start to 2007. Later on in the year, after three Section meetings that focused on planning, the Section held its annual seminar not only in Sweden, but also for the first time in Norway. Both meetings were extremely successful with 88 and 91 participants, respectively. Planning was undertaken for a series of study clubs that will be introduced in 2008.

Among the Section's goals for 2007 was to increase the number of Fellows and Members in Sweden. By the end of the year, the Section had 16 Fellows and 54 Members, an increase of 40 Members in the space of one year.

Section Officers	
	<i>Chairman:</i> Kerstin Fischer
	<i>Education Delegate:</i> Lars Ake Johansson
	<i>Section Administrator:</i> Ulf Wahlstroem

Swiss Section

The Swiss Section is dynamic as ever with an extensive program of regular study club meetings spread among its now 28 regional study clubs throughout the country. In 2007, 1,227 participants attended 64 study club meetings. These meetings have been so successful that a full-time assistant has been hired for its coordination as per January 1, 2008.

A Study Club Coordinators and Speakers meeting was held at the end of September in Gerzensee near Bern that was attended by 35 participants. The Speakers enjoyed a presentation on how to communicate during a crisis situation as well as the introduction to the new Case View 2.0 software. As the Section is so active within its study clubs and the organization of the 43 ITI continuing education courses, it did not hold a Section meeting, nor was there a national ITI congress.

There was a change in Section officers at the beginning of 2007 when Professor Urs Belser stepped down as Section Chairman to be replaced by Professor Christoph Hammerle, whose previous position as Education Delegate was taken over by Dr. Bruno Schmid. Grateful thanks for his work in the initial phases of building up the Swiss Section were extended to Urs Belser.

At the end of 2007, the number of Section Members had risen from 552 to 664, while Fellows remained steady at 69.

Section Officers	
	<i>Chairman:</i> Christoph Hammerle
	<i>Education Delegate:</i> Bruno Schmid
	<i>Section Administrator:</i> Heinz Frei

Taiwan Section

Section Officers



Chairman:
Chuen-Chyi Tseng



Education Delegate:
Alex Tsai



Section Administrator:
Susan Lee

The ITI Taiwan Section was approved at the March meeting of the ITI Board of Directors and officially inaugurated in May 2007. Dr. Chuen-Chyi Tseng was elected Section Chairman and Dr. Alex Yi-Min Tsai Education Delegate. Susan Lee became Section Administrator.

During its first meeting, the Section focused on organizing a national congress and study clubs with the goal of providing its Members and Fellows with an educational offering as well as increasing the numbers within the Section. The national congress was held in Taipei in August and its theme was "From Treatment Plan, Implant Esthetics to New Development in Biotechnology."

The congress was very successful and attracted 220 attendees.

The Section held four meetings in total, three that focused on the organization of the congress and the fourth that looked at ways of increasing Section membership. In addition there were also 10 study clubs held in Taichung and Kaohsiung as well as one Speaker Development meeting with 20 attendees.

The Section grew to 24 Members and five Fellows in its first year.




Turkish Section

Much was achieved in the three Section meetings held by the Turkish ITI Section in 2007. The Section took a decision to limit Section Chairmanship to a period of three years, after which the Education Delegate becomes the new Chairman and a new Education Delegate is then selected. Accordingly, the Education Delegate Haldun Iplikcioglu was made Section Chairman and Associate Professor Bahadir Giray replaced him as Education Delegate. Cuneyt Bastimur was appointed Section Administrator.

The Section organized and held two study clubs in Istanbul and Ankara attended by 35 and 26 clinicians, respectively. The combination of a social and educational event was very successful and facilitated networking opportunities between the Fellows and Members and ultimately resulted in an increase in membership numbers for the Section.

Planning for the 4th Turkish ITI Congress began, which will run under the title "The Realities of Oral Implantology Practice" and will also feature some highly recognized international Speakers. Professor Ates Parlar will head the Scientific Program Committee and it has already been decided to hold a poster competition at the congress, the winner of which will be awarded an international ITI course. The Section also discussed and evaluated course structure and demand for both 2007 and 2008.

Numbers within the Section grew from 28 to 64 Members and 9 Fellows by the end of the year.

Section Officers	
	<i>Chairman:</i> Haldun Iplikcioglu
	<i>Education Delegate:</i> Bahadir Giray
	<i>Section Administrator:</i> Cuneyt Bastimur

UK & Irish Section

Section Officers



Chairman:
Stephen Barter



Education Delegate:
Nikolaos Donos



Section Administrator:
Andy Molnar

Two new initiatives were planned and launched by the UK & Irish Section in 2007: a National Education Faculty to coordinate a common approach to Foundation-level teaching and a mentoring network. The latter is intended for one-on-one meetings in order to help individuals with their practical skills in surgery, case study discussion as well as treatment planning assistance. The Section has managed to establish a nation-wide network of practitioners who are prepared to offer their skills. The Section is also very proud of the number of courses it managed to run in 2007: more than 170 courses with over 2,000 attendants.

Two Section meetings were held throughout the year for which a new format has been defined. The day starts with a CPD accredited talk to be followed by Section business in the afternoon. The focus of the meetings in 2007 was planning for the 2008 congress, changes in the Section structure as well as updates

on its regular events. Also planned is a peer review of Speakers and speaker development through train-the-trainer courses to be run in 2008. In addition, the Section held 12 study clubs in 2007 with attendance ranging from 10 to 20 at each meeting. Elections were held during the autumn meeting which led to the re-election of Nikolaos Donos and Stephen Barter as Education Delegate and Section Chairman, respectively.

By the end of 2007, the Section had grown dramatically from 161 Members to 429 and 15 to 21 Fellows.

US Section

In 2007, the US Section worked towards increasing its membership, in particular the number of women within the Section. It also undertook to optimize the Section's structure with the formation of a Section Executive Committee and to improve communication within the Section, with the international organization and with Straumann.

The Section Executive Committee is made up of seven members who are responsible for coordinating activities throughout the United States. Also among the Section's goals was to increase its educational offering and to support the US Education Group by further developing the necessary infrastructure and logistic support systems.



Throughout the year, the Section held one Section meeting at Lake Las Vegas, which was attended by 41 Fellows. Topics ranged from Etkon, bone level

implants and ITI Case View v2.0 to a talk by AV specialists on the requirements of AV when working with Speakers. Additionally, three Speaker support meetings were held during which photography and image editing workshops were introduced.

As a pilot project, the Section organized three study clubs in the second half of the year. These were enthusiastically received and there are plans to increase the number of study club locations to 20.

The Section decided to hold its next national congress at the Westin Kierland resort in Scottsdale Arizona between April 23 and 24 in 2009.

By the end of 2007, the US Section had increased the number of its Members to 590 and 83 Fellows.

Section Officers	
	<i>Chairman:</i> Hans-Peter Weber
	<i>Education Delegate:</i> James Ruskin
	<i>Section Administrator:</i> Thomas Jaberg

Financial report.

ITI Association

Once again, the ITI's growth rate in 2007 in terms of membership was very impressive: The number of members increased by 68%, while the Fellowship base grew by 12%. This, together with the fact that the annual fees for Fellows were raised in 2007 from 150 Swiss Francs (CHF) to 390, resulted in a corresponding rise in revenues from membership fees of virtually 100%. Similarly, the operating costs also almost doubled in comparison to 2006 due to the additional outgoings necessary to service and manage the increased membership. The ITI Association also made partial reimbursements to the ITI Foundation in return for its contribution to many membership activities and products such as the ITI journal Forum Implantologicum, the Annual General Meeting and general administration. In 2007, the ITI Association made an operating profit of CHF 47,000.

ITI Association Financial Statement 2007¹

	2007	in CHF 2006
Revenues		
Annual Fellowship Fee, Net	175,132	63,450
Annual Membership Fee, Net	603,014	326,250
Other Income	235	440
Total Revenues	778,381	390,140
Costs		
Total Operating Costs	731,837	458,768
Operating Profit/Loss	46,544	- 68,628

¹ Excerpt from the financial statements only. The complete financial statements 2007 are available at the domicile of the ITI Association

ITI Foundation

In 2007, the ITI Foundation invested more than 14 million Swiss Francs (CHF) towards the promotion and dissemination of knowledge on all aspects of implant dentistry and related fields by financing activities and products, mainly in the area of education and research.

In terms of income, there was a considerable increase in additional revenues, mainly from entrance fees to the ITI World Symposium in New York as well as from income related to the ITI Treatment Guide series.

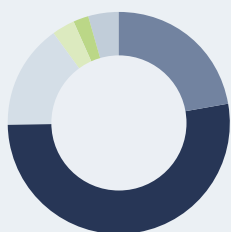
With CHF 7.4 million or 52%, education made up the biggest part of the total costs. More than half of this amount was spent on projects and activities related to the World Symposium 2007 in New York. Other major areas of expenses in the field of education were the ITI Treatment Guide Series, the SAC Consensus Conference and refinements made to the ITI Knowledge Network. Once again, the ITI experienced strong growth in educational activities in the national Sections, which is also reflected in a 38% increase of the Section expenses. Almost CHF 3.2 million or 22% of the total expenses were allocated to research. Apart from project grants, this amount included the final annual contribution for the ITI Research Institute in Berne, Switzerland. Most expenditure under administration projects went on ITI communication tools such as the Forum Implantologicum and the annual report as well as on IT infrastructure.

ITI Foundation Financial Statement 2007¹

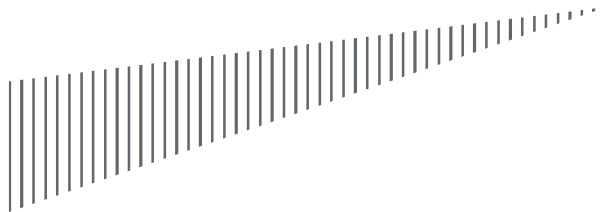
Account	2007	in CHF 2006
Operating Revenues		
<i>Contributions</i>	8,922,048	8,394,400
<i>Other Revenues</i>	3,144,000	756,292
Total Operating Revenues	12,066,048	9,150,692
Operating Costs		
Research	- 3,188,081	- 4,549,839
Development	0	0
Education		
<i>Scholarships</i>	- 1,095,925	- 891,218
<i>Sections</i>	- 1,300,916	- 943,517
<i>Rest of the World</i>	- 27,933	- 42,467
<i>Education Projects</i>	- 5,016,946	- 1,816,860
Total Education	- 7,441,720	- 3,694,062
Biologics Oversight Group	0	- 63,088
General Administration		
<i>ITI Center</i>	- 2,143,840	- 1,706,054
<i>Committees</i>	- 476,213	- 471,239
<i>Board of Directors</i>	- 338,650	- 236,514
<i>Projects</i>	- 599,463	- 743,525
Total General Administration	- 3,558,166	- 3,157,332
Total Operating Revenues	12,066,048	9,150,691
Total Operating Costs	- 14,187,967	- 11,464,321
Operating Loss	- 2,121,919	- 2,313,630

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Overview of ITI Foundation Expenses in 2007



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To the Board of Trustees of
ITI Foundation for the Promotion of Oral Implantology, Basel

Basel, April 18, 2008

Report of the auditors

As statutory auditors, we have audited the accounting records and the financial statements (balance sheet, statement of operations and notes) of ITI Foundation for the Promotion of Oral Implantology for the year ended December 31, 2007.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the board of trustees. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We confirm that we meet the legal requirements concerning professional qualification and independence.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards promulgated by the Swiss profession, which require that an audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. We have examined on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We have also assessed the accounting principles used, significant estimates made and the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the accounting records and financial statements comply with Swiss law as well as with the deed of foundation.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Ernst & Young Ltd

Manuel Aeby
Swiss Certified Accountant

Markus Kocher
Swiss Certified Accountant
(in charge of the audit)



To the General Meeting of the Members of
ITI Association, Basel

Basel, April 18, 2008

Report of the auditors

As auditors, we have audited the accounting records and the financial statements (balance sheet and income statement) of ITI for the year ended December 31, 2007.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the board of the association. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these matters based on our audit. We confirm that we meet the requirements concerning professional qualification and independence.

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In our opinion, the accounting records and the financial statements comply with Swiss law and the articles of the association.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Ernst & Young Ltd

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Manuel Aeby
Swiss Certified Accountant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kocher', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Markus Kocher
Swiss Certified Accountant
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